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SUBJ: FOOTNOTE TO PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE

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1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL AUGUST 2 ON GOS SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEE KHOON CHOY, OUR DISCUSSION TURNED TO PRC ATTITUDE TOWARD RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AS RECENTLY OUTLINED BY CHINESE IN PEKING TO SINGAPORE PM RAJARATNAM AND THAI PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT. AFTER RECOUNTING HIGHLIGHTS OF RAJARATNAM'S CONVERSATION WITH CHIAO KUAN-HUA, IN WHICH CHIAO HAD SAID AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE "MORAL" SUPPORT TO CP'S ELSEWHERE, LEE WENT ON TO NOTE WITH OBVIOUS PLEASURE THAT KUKRIT "DIDN'T BELIEVE ALL THOSE THINGS THAT MAO TSE-TUNG TOLD HIM" AND WOULD KEEP THAILAND'S GUARD UP WITH RESPECT TO PRC ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND.

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2. I ASSUME THAT QUOTATION ATTRIBUTED BY LEE TO KUKRIT OCCURRED
IN GOS-THAI CONVERSATIONS DURING KUKRIT'S RECENT VISIT TO
SINGAPORE, WHICH AS WE REPORTED IN REFTEL CAME OFF QUITE
WELL. EVIDENTLY ONE REASON FOR GOOD ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING THIS
VISIT WAS THAT SINGAPOREANS FOUND KUKRIT WARIER THAN THEY HAD
SUPPOSED REGARDING PRC'S PROFESSED GOOD INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS
THAILAND. HOLDRIDGE

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